

Arkansas Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts - 4 credits

- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12

Mathematics - 4 credits

- Algebra I – 1 credit
- Geometry – 1 credit
- Algebra II* – 1 credit
- ADE approved fourth math or Computer Science Flex – 1 credit

Science - 3 credits

- ADE approved biology – 1 credit
- ADE approved physical science – 1 credit
- ADE approved third science or Computer Science Flex – 1 credit

Social Studies - 3 credits

- US History – 1 credit
- World History – 1 credit
- Civics – ½ credit
- Economics and Personal Finance – ½ credit

Oral Communication – ½ credit

Physical Education – ½ credit

Health & Safety – ½ credit

Fine Arts – ½ credit

Career Focus or Additional Content – 6 credits

Additional requirements

- State Minimum of 22 graduation credits
- Students must complete a digital course for credit
- Students must earn a credit in a course that includes personal & family finance after grade 8
- Students must pass the Arkansas Civics' Exam
- Students must complete hands-on CPR training

* Algebra II and/or fourth math may be replaced by another approved course if Smart Core is waived.

Legislative Requirements

Connected directly to Curriculum and Instruction Requirements

A.C.A. § 6-16-101 Celebrate Freedom Week

A.C.A. § 6-16-105 Flag Etiquette

A.C.A. § 6-16-111 Morals, manners, patriotism and business integrity

A.C.A. § 6-16-121 Historical Contributions made by African Americans

A.C.A. § 6-16-124 Arkansas History

A.C.A. § 6-16-126 Food borne illness in health

A.C.A. § 6-16-132 PE credit

A.C.A. § 6-16-135 Personal Finance

A.C.A. § 6-16-139 Technology Curriculum

A.C.A. § 6-16-143 CPR

A.C.A. § 6-16-147 Computer Science

A.C.A. § 6-16-148 Required review of US History from Col.-1890 in multiple courses

A.C.A. § 6-16-149 US Citizenship Test

A.C.A. § 6-16-501 Organ Donor instruction in health

A.C.A. § 6-16-1004 Dating Violence in health

A.C.A. § 6-16-1202 AP Course requirements (4)

A.C.A. § 6-16-1406 Digital Learning Credit required

A.C.A. § 6-15-2012 Transitional Courses

Standards Development:

A.C.A. § 6-15-2906 Arkansas Academic Standards

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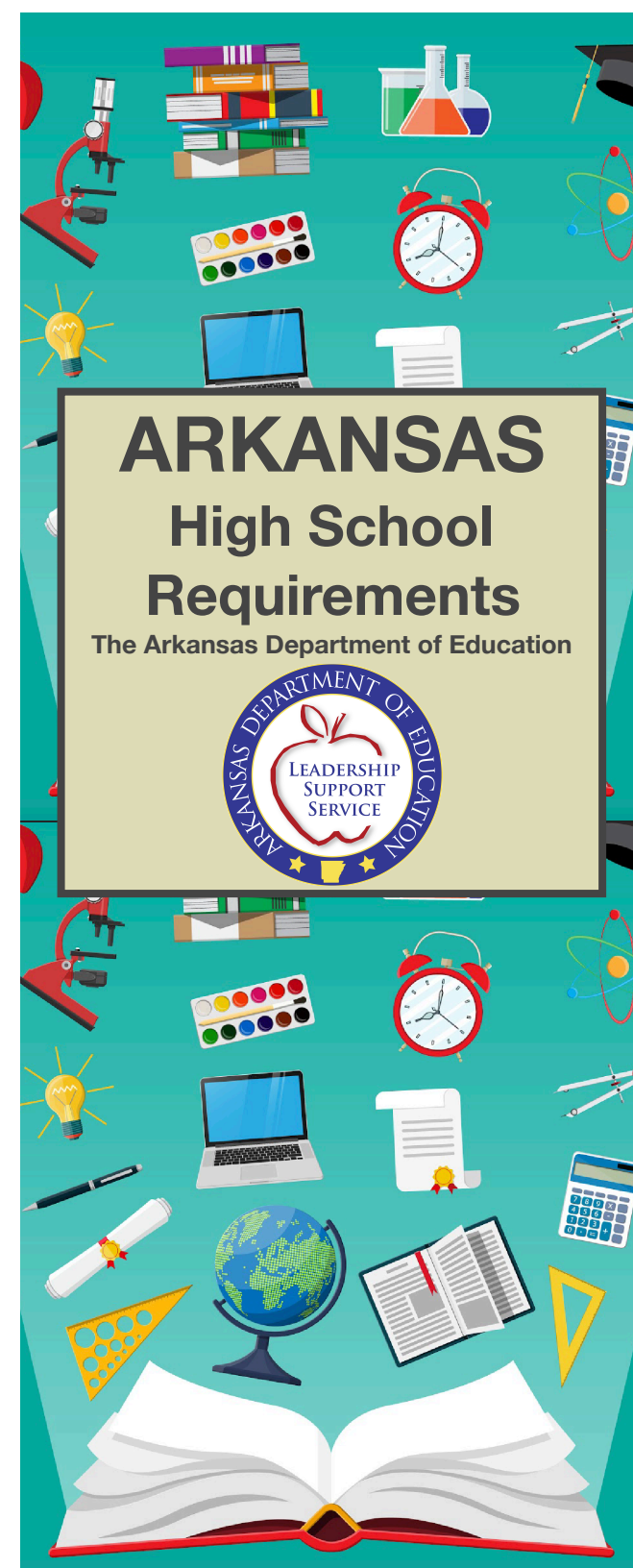
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Courses Required to be Offered at all Arkansas High Schools - (38 Credits)

English Language Arts 6 credits

English 9 (410000) 1 credit
English 10 (411000) 1 credit
English 11 (412000) 1 credit
English 12 (413000) 1 credit
Oral Communication A (414000) ½ credit
ADE approved ELA 1 ½ credits from the list:

Critical Reading I (419110)
Creative Writing (417010) ½ credit
Debate I (414050)
Dramatic Literature A (416110) ½ credit
Forensics I (414020)
Journalism I (415000)
Transitional Literacy Ready (496030)
Approved AP* and IB offerings

Mathematics 6 credits

Algebra I (430000) 1 credit
Geometry (431000) 1 credit
Algebra II (432000) 1 credit
Pre-Calculus (433000) 1 credit
ADE approved Math 2 credits from the list:

Adv. Topics and Modeling in Math (439050)
Algebra III (439070)
Calculus (434010)
Math Applications and Algorithms (439080)
Quantitative Literacy (439120)
Statistics (439090)
Math Ready (439110)
Approved AP* and IB offerings

Science 5 credits

Physical Science Integrated (423000) 1 credit
Biology Integrated (420000) 1 credit
Chemistry Integrated (421000) 1 credit
ADE approved Science 2 credits from the list:

Astronomy (425050)
Chemistry II (421010)
Earth Science (425020)
Environmental Science (424020)
Anatomy/Physiology (424030)
Physics (422000)
Approved AP* and IB offerings
Approved course approval

Social Studies 4 credits

US History Since 1890 (470000) 1 credit
World History Since 1450 (471000) 1 credit
Civics (472000) ½ credit
Economics and Personal Finance (474300) ½ credit
ADE approved Social Studies 1 credit from the list:

Arkansas History (473000) ½ credit
African American History (474700) ½ credit
Psychology (474400) ½ credit
Sociology (474500) ½ credit
United States Government (474100) ½ credit
World Geography (474600) ½ credit
Approved AP* and IB offerings

Career Education 9 credits

Three Programs of Study representing three (3) of the following occupational areas.

Agriculture Science and Technology
Business and Marketing Technology
Family and Consumer Sciences
Trade and Industry
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Physical Education and Health 1 ½ credits

Physical Education 1 credit (or combination of two 1/2 credits)
Health & Safety (480000) ½ credit

Foreign Language 2 credits

Foreign Language (2 credits of the same language)

Computer Science 1 credit

Sequential combination of HS CS Level 1 and HS CS Level 2 courses

Fine Arts 3½ credits

Visual Art (450) 1 credit

Visual Art I (450000)

Instrumental Music (451) 1 credit

Band I (451000)
Jazz Band I (451200)
Orchestra I (451100)

Vocal Music (452) 1 credit

Vocal Music I (452000)

ADE approved Fine Arts ½ credit

Any Visual Art (450)
Any Instrumental Music (451)
Any Vocal Music (452)
Dance I (459200)
Music Technology (459020)
Music Theory (459010)
Stagecraft I (459240)
Theatre I (459100)
Approved AP and IB offerings

Schools must offer:

- 38 unique courses even if a course falls into two categories
- a transitional course
- AP courses in endorsed areas*
- courses selected from the list above

Schools may submit a request for other courses to meet the 38 through the Course Approval System

